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## News Release

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### USU corpsman wins Sailor of the Year award

**BETHESDA, Md.** – A Savannah, Ga., native at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences achieved the coveted Sailor of the Year award.

Navy petty officer second class Isaac Jenkins Jr., son of Frances and Isaac Jenkins Sr., a former Navy sailor, received this award on Feb. 14. after competing against three other Navy sailors in January.

“There was some tough competition,” said Jenkins. “There were some really good sailors competing here at USU.”

Jenkins is a histopathology technician for the Veterinary Pathology Division. He is trained to collect, process and examine tissue and other related body materials, including preservation and shipment of pathological specimens, morgue duties and administration duties. He is also trained to perform routine surgical and autopsy accessioning. The four Sailor of the Quarter winners compete for Sailor of the Year. Jenkins was Sailor of the Quarter from January through March. A board of senior Navy petty officers evaluate each quarterly award winner, who must be an E-6 or below. The board members ask each sailor a variety of questions on topics such as general military knowledge, chain-of-command and the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. The senior petty officers also evaluate each sailor’s written nomination package, which includes information

about their leadership qualities, job performance and self-improvement. Each sailor receives points for the number of questions they answered correctly, and their military bearing in meeting the board.

“Going up for the board was tough because there’s a lot of pressure representing the whole Navy and your division,” said Jenkins.

Jenkins graduated from Herschel V. Jenkins High School in 1990 before joining the Navy in 1994. In his spare time, Jenkins attends Southern Illinois University at the National Naval Medical Center campus in Maryland. In the future, he plans to become a Navy Medical Service Corps officer by earning his bachelors degree in health care management.

USU was established by Congress under the Department of Defense in 1972 and has the nation’s only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. With its motto “Learning to Care for Those in Harm’s Way,” the university has a worldwide reputation as a center of excellence for military medical education and research.